

Elementary/Middle School Programs



Introductory Programs

JA Ourselves - kindergarten

Uses storybook characters in read-aloud and hands-on activities to introduce the role people play in an economy.
5 volunteer-led, 30 minute sessions

JA Our Families - 1st grade

Explains how family members' jobs and businesses contribute to the well-being of the family and the community; introduces the concept of needs and wants.
5 volunteer-led, 30 minute sessions

JA Our Community - 2nd grade

Uses posters and games to offer practical information about businesses and the jobs those businesses offer in a community.
5 volunteer-led, 40 minute sessions

JA Our City - 3rd grade

Introduces students to money management and the importance of economic exchange within a city.
5 volunteer-led, 45 minute sessions

JA Our Region - 4th grade

Introduces students to entrepreneurship and how entrepreneurs use resources to produce goods and services in a region.
5 volunteer-led, 45 minute sessions

JA Our Nation - 5th grade

Details the need for employees who can meet the demands of the 21st century job market, particularly in high-growth, high-demand jobs.
5 volunteer-led, 45 minute sessions

JA More than Money - 3rd-5th grade

Through hands-on activities, students learn a practical approach to starting a business and making smart money management decisions.
5 volunteer-led, 60 minute sessions



Financial Literacy Pathway Programs

JA Economics for Success - 6th-8th grade

Students learn how to build strong personal finances and the importance of exploring career options based on their skills, interests, and values.
6 volunteer-led, 45 minute activities

JA Global Marketplace - 6th-8th grade

Introduces students to the global marketplace and the ways in which countries buy and sell from each other.
6 volunteer-led, 45 minute activities

JA Finance Park* - 7th-8th grade (also in)

Introduces students to personal financial planning and career exploration. The program concludes with a visit to JA Finance Park, a realistic on-site or virtual community, where students develop and commit to a personal budget.
12 in-school, teacher-led activities; culminating in an on-site experience



Work & Career Readiness Pathway Programs

JA It's My Future - 6th-8th grade

Offers practical information to help students prepare for the working world.
6 volunteer-led, 45 minute activities

JA Career Speaker Series - 6th-8th grade

A volunteer guest speaker visits the classroom and shares information about his or her career, work, and education experience.
1-3 volunteer led presentations



Entrepreneurship Pathway Programs

JA It's My Business! - 6th-8th grade

Introduces students to the initial steps necessary to start a business.
6 volunteer-led, 45 minute sessions

JA BizTown* - 4th-5th grade (also in &)

Combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town where students operate banks, pay taxes, write checks, and vote for mayor.
12-13 volunteer/teacher-led meetings, culminating in a 4-5 hour on-site experience

*Capstone experience programs, held in Junior Achievement James R. and Patricia Hemak Experiential Learning Center

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